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1. DOCUMENT 104 EX/28 ITSELF IS NOT CLEAR AS TO WHICH
DRAFT, IF ANY, IS BEING CONSIDERED. AS WE READ EX/28,
THE DG IS NOT REFERRING TO ANY DRAFT, BUT RATHER TO THE
DIVERGENCE OF OPINION HE HAS RECEIVED WHEN WORKING ON
ALL OF THE DRAFTS.

2. MISSING PARAGRAPHS OF EX/28 THAT WE DID NOT QUOTE IN

REFTEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) PARA 1 - SUMMARY OF LEGAL BASES FOR PREPARING A
DRAFT DECLARATION.

(B) PARA 2: "IN PURSUANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION, THE
SECRETARIAT, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF EXPERTS, REVISED THE
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TEXT IN THE LIGHT OF THE COMMENTS MADE OR OBJECTIONS
RAISED DURING DISCUSSION IN NAIROBI. THE REVISED
VERSION, INTENDED TO BE USED IN THE PREPARATION OF A
FINAL DRAFT, WAS COMPLETED IN THE MIDDLE OF 1977."

(C) PARS 3: "IN OCTOBER 1977, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL HELD
FRESH CONSULTATIONS WHICH HE MADE AS BROAD AS POSSIBLE

GIVEN THE TIME AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE. ABOUT 100 PERSONS WERE CONSULTED, INCLUDING: (I) THE MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE WORK OF THE DNG SET UP BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE: (II) LEADING SPECIALISTS CHOSEN FROM ALL DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE WORLD, SO AS TO REFLECT NOT ONLY VARYING DISCIPLINES AND PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS BUT ALSO VARYING CULTURES AND IDEOLOGIES; AND (III) REPRESENTATIVES OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH SPECIALIZED IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION.

(D) PARA 4: "THESE CONSULTATIONS REVEALED A WIDE RANGE OF REACTIONS AND VIEWS REGARDING THE DRAFT DECLARATION. WITHOUT EITHER OVER-SIMPLIFYING, OR FAILING TO REFLECT THE ORIGINALITY OF THE POINTS OF VIEW EXPRESSED, THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED CAN BE GROUPED INTO FIVE CATEGORIES:" (FROM HERE ON, THE BALANCE OF PARA 4 WAS QUOTED VERBATIM IN REFTEL.)

(E) PARA 5: "THIS BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF VERY VARYING, AND SOMETIMES CONTRADICTORY OPINIONS OBTAINED BY THE DG FROM THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE SPECIALISTS AND PERSONALITIES, MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO JUDGE JUST HOW DIFFICULT THE TASK IS WHICH THE GC ASSIGNED TO HIM IN REQUESTING HIM TO PREPARE A FINAL DRAFT DECLARATION "WHICH COULD MEET WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE LARGEST POSSIBLE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT". ONE MIGHT POSSIBLY ANSWER SOME CRITICISM BY SO RECASTING THE TEXT AS TO LAY GREATER STRESS ON THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH UNESCO SHOULD ASSUME IN ITS OWN FIELDS OF COMPETENCE TO ENSURE THAT INFORMATION, WHILE CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE PROGRESS OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE, CAN BE USED MORE EFFECTIVELY IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING. THIS, HOWEVER, WOULD SEEM TO GO BEYOND THE FRAMEWORK ORIGINALLY LAID DOWN BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN RESOLUTION 4.143. MOREOVER, THE INCOMPATIBILITY OF THE VARYING POINTS OF VIEW--IN SOME RESPECTS IRREDUCIBLE--AS CONFIRMED BY THE CONSULTATION, LEAVES FEW ILLUSIONS AS TO THE LIKELIHOOD OF MEMBER STATES REACHING ANY KIND OF CONSENSUS AT THIS STAGE."

3. PARA SIX WAS QUOTED VERBATIM IN REFTEL. WITH EXCEPTION OF PARA 1, WHICH WE ALLUDED TO IN PARA 2(A) ABOVE, YOU NOW HAVE THE VERBATIM TEXT OF DOCUMENT 104 EX/28. TORRES

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